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GERMANY LICKED!

World Tyranny By Axis Nations Reaches Climax

Freedom Restored in Europe Following Allied Invasion Of Normandy in June, 1944

Victory for the Allies in Europe—the most anxiously awaited event in modern history—means the liberation of a continent which has been under the domination of military might ever since the German blitz rolled into Poland in the fall of 1939.

Starting with Hitler's bloodless conquests of trusting neighbors, the threat which has hung over the world has finally been dissipated by an overwhelming superiority of the Allies in men, materials, air power, sea power and the overwhelming desire of free peoples to rid the world of the tyranny which has "blacked out the lights of Europe."

The Allied victory and the capitulation of Germany has once more restored freedom to Europe. Victory is sweet after the period of despotism which has prevailed but, as in 1918, the world must appreciate that victory is one of arms alone so far and must be followed by a peace that will ensure the world against anything like the rise of National Socialism again.

June Invasion Started It

After many anxious months of preparations, the invasion of continental Europe from the west became practicable. General Eisenhower gave the momentous order, and on June 6, 1944, known in military terms as "D-day," the great landing craft began moving across the channel from England to a stretch of beach on the coast of northern France, in the department of Normandy. More than 4000 ships and many thousand smaller craft plied back and forth in the choppy waters, under the protection of 11,000 airplanes and units of the British and American navies. Men and materiel poured ashore in unending streams. This landing without port facilities, was the greatest in history, and was possible only because of the newly developed American landing craft.

Meanwhile, paratroopers had been dropped over Caen, a strategic town eight miles inland. Fighting broke out at many points along a 100-mile front, as comparatively weak German forces tried to halt the onrushing horde of American and British troops that kept arriving, hour after hour. Bombing planes pounded many points of Germany in the first hours of the invasion, not only near the beachheads, but far inland. There was consternation reported in Germany among the tired civilians, and the Nazi high command seems to have been successfully deceived as to the time and place of the landings.

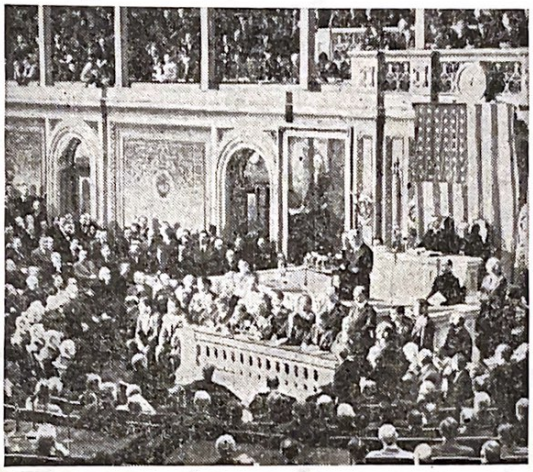
Today the Allies have beaten Germany to her knees, something that was beyond the comprehension of most of the world little less than a year ago. The invasion of Europe started it in June, 1944, and the quick success in France and the drive to the heart of the reich itself blasted the theory of a "European fortress" that Hitler said was impregnable.

Battle-hardened veterans of Britain who stopped Rommel in Egypt, the husky young Yanks in their superb equipment, Frenchmen fighting to win back their homeland, the bitter Poles who remembered how they tried to fight the wehrmacht with nothing but rifles—all these are responsible for the downfall of what was supposed to be an "invincible" army.

And hammering away on the other side of Germany were the Russians, who took the best the Germans could strike them with, and then came back to drive the hated Hun out of Russia and beat him back until there was no retreat and there finish off Germany as a military power.

The victory in Europe is won but what years of suffering that continent has seen since the day that Adolf Hitler first became chancellor of Germany in January, 1933.

Congress Declares War on Axis



On December 8, 1941, President Roosevelt addressed a joint session of congress, asking for a declaration of war against the Japanese. Declaration of war on Germany followed swiftly.

Cessation of Hostilities Announced By Gen. Eisenhower's Headquarters

While still unconfirmed officially from government headquarters in Washington, D. C., it has been reported that people in London and New York are celebrating V-E Day of German's unconditional surrender. Official confirmation will undoubtedly come by presidential proclamation.

From the allied military command headquarters in Europe word came today of the unconditional surrender of Germany to England, the United States, and Russia.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is reported to have authorized the announcement which stated that the surrender occurred at 2:41 a. m. Monday, May 7 (8:41 p. m. Sunday, PWT) in a little red school house near Reims, France.

Admiral Carl Doenitz, the new German fuehrer, authorized signing of the unconditional surrender for Germany, and Gen. Eisenhower's chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Bedell Smith signed for the allied high command, along with the chiefs of staff for Russia and France. The German surrender included also an order to some 400 submarines to return to port, thus ending all organized resistance as this branch was the only remaining fighting force of the Nazis.

Following the signing of the unconditional surrender, the German chief of staff is reported to have asked permission to make a statement which read as follows: "The German people and armed forces are delivered for better or worse into the victor's hands."

At 7:25 a. m. announcement was made over major radio networks that the White House in Washington, D. C. had no comment available, and at 8:30 a. m. it was further announced that President Harry Truman was in conference with two high cabinet officials following telephone conversations with London and Moscow.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill conferred with King George at Buckingham Palace this morning, and indications were that announcement of V-E day would be made at an agreed hour from Washington, London, and Moscow.

Thus the chaotic end of Adolph Hitler's meteoric rise in villainous power, which plunged the world into the most horrible conflagration in history, has reached its climax as Nazi leaders have been captured, killed, and committed suicide.

The Bavarian paperhanger, Hitler, who created the machinery for history's most atrocious assassinations, mass-murder, and methods of inflicting human suffering, reached the zenith in his career and toppled from his pinnacle of horror when he reportedly committed suicide, or was killed by Russian artillery fire in the seige of Berlin.

The end of World War II has come 5 years, 8 months, and 6 days following Hitler's start to conquer and enslave Europe.

Mayors' Proclamation

We, the undersigned, Mayors of Camas and Washougal, feeling that the day of Victory in Europe should be not only one of rejoicing but also one of determination to carry on to the end the great and desperate tasks of war which still remain to be performed against our other enemy, Japan, and

Feeling that the buying of War Bonds by our Citizens, to be given to our service men and women, is a patriotic and worthwhile way in which to acknowledge a small part of our debt to them, do hereby proclaim and declare that our approval has been given to a plan to make V-E day a tag day for the benefit of this project and have given our permission for the sale by authorized agents of tags or emblems for this purpose upon the streets of Camas and Washougal.

(Signed)
Theodore Jenny,
Mayor of Washougal.
Earl Lambert,
Mayor of Camas.

War President

Franklin D. Roosevelt

War Prime Minister

Prime Minister Churchill

America's Red Ally

Premier Joseph Stalin

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower

Field Marshal Montgomery

Gen. Mark Clark

Gen. George Patton

Gen. Omar N. Bradley